

believed it was not that the ministers were not as good or as patriotic as other citizens, or less devoted to the public welfare, but, because it was feared that their influence over their particular sects might lead to the formation of a politico-religious combination. This was a wise and just reason, and he was in favor of handing down the provision.

The amendment of Mr. Wickes was rejected.

The amendment of Mr. Gill was rejected.

Mr. Maulsby moved to strike out the word "teacher," which, he said, would meet the views of his friend from Baltimore, (Mr. Gill.)

The amendment was adopted, and no further amendments being proposed,

Sections 8, 9 and 10 were read and passed over without amendment.

Mr. Marbury moved to reconsider section 10, as he wished to offer an amendment to provide for annual sessions of the Legislature.

The motion was rejected.

Section 11 was read and several amendments proposed and rejected.

Section 12 was read and passed over without amendment.

Section 13 was read and slightly amended.

Sections 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 were read and passed over without amendment.

Section 20 was read and amended.

Sections 21 and 22 were passed over without amendment, and section 23 was slightly amended.

Mr. Dobbin, by unanimous consent, made the following report from the committee appointed to take action relative to the proposed visit of the President to Annapolis:

"The committee appointed on behalf of the Convention to confer with his Excellency the Governor and the President of the Convention as to the measures proper to